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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : John F. Blake
Deputy Director for Administration

Hank :

1. Attached are two unrelated pieces of correspondence that represent insights into different Agency problems. The first, which has been typed for ease of reading, raises a position we have long taken. While FOIA has presented many problems to us, the proper handling of the matter does allow us an opportunity to subtly engage in good public relations. This particular letter does not stand alone--there have been many others through the months.

2. The second letter is merely a "fact-of-life" entry and it is something we are going to have to continue to live with.

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Mr. [] I almost got a headache trying to read this, so I typed it up for you to read. Linda

Dear Sir:

This is just a short note designed to give credit for a job most professionally being carried out by members of your Information and Privacy staff.

During the past several months these individuals have been supporting me with as much information concerning my file at the CIA as they could legally provide. No doubt they have been inundated with requests similar to mine since the passage of the Freedom Act.

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My correspondence has been with Coordinators []

[] Gene F. Wilson and Chairman of your Information Review Committee, Mr. John F. Blake.

Many have probably said that these tasks constitute these men's jobs -- and so they should expect no praise for carrying out their responsibilities. I do not agree.

All correspondence with these Agency personnel has been of the very highest and most professional calibre. Their in-depth explanations and well-defined guidelines reference disclosure -- coupled with their informative professional advice, reference appeal of Agency decisions -- indicate to me a professionalism which hopefully is mirrored in all of your Agency activities.

Please express to those individuals cited my sincere appreciation.

Sincerely,

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